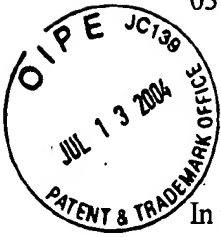


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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/754,981

Filed: January 5, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF
DETECTION OF A RUN-FLAT
CONDITION OF A TIRE; INSERTS,
WHEELS AND TIRES DESIGNED
FOR SUCH METHOD AND SYSTEM)

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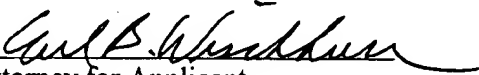
Sir:

A Notice of Allowance issued in the above-identified application on June 30, 2004. Prior to payment of the issue fee, Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgment of consideration of the information listed on the PTO-1449 forms attached to the Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) submitted on April 9, 2001 and January 10, 2002. Copies of the returned receipt postcards, indicating that the IDSs were received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on those dates, are attached. For the Examiner's convenience, also attached are copies of the IDSs and copies of the PTO-1449 forms submitted with the IDSs.

It is respectfully requested that the information listed on the PTO-1449 forms be considered by the Examiner, and that copies of the PTO-1449 forms be returned, with the Examiner's initials, indicating that the initialed information has been considered and made of record in the present application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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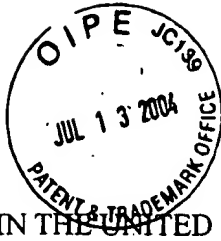
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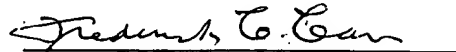
We enclose herewith for consideration by the Examiner one copy of the
prior art documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449. The prior art documents were
cited in the International Search Report, a copy of which is enclosed.

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U.S. Patent 6,039,099 is an English version of the European document 08 441.11, and U.S. Patent 6,094,978, is an English version of WO 94/03338. English translations of the Japanese patents are not readily available; however English language Abstracts are attached thereto.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the payment of any additional fees required in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

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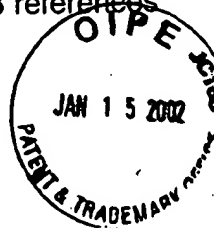
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 and respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-captioned application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, applicants believe, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-reference application.

Therefore, applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the submission of this paper.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants note that U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/418,283 was also previously cited by the applicants on the IDS submitted May 9, 2001. Applicants further note that a continuation of application Serial No. 09/418,283 was filed on December 18, 2001.

U.S. Patent 5,749,982 is the U.S. patent corresponding to FR 2 713 558; U.S. Patent 5,891,279 is the U.S. patent corresponding to EP 796 747; and U.S. Patent 6,094,978 is the U.S. patent corresponding to WO 94/03338.

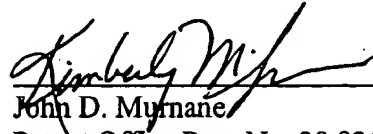
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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due connection with the filing of this Statement. However, if any fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 02-4377. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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